Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 03 Nov 2020 until 23:59 on Wednesday 04 Nov 2020

Forecast Issued on Monday 02 Nov 2020 at 14:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for a more settled outlook over the next 5 day period with high pressure building from the south west over most of Scotland by the end of the week. Lower confidence for shower detail on Tuesday.

Headline for Tuesday 03 Nov 2020: A cloudy day and frequent showers, these will be wintry above 600m.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 03 Nov 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers	Sleet showers	Sleet showers	Sleet showers (night)	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	50%

Forecast for Tuesday 03 Nov 2020

Weather: An area of rain and snow will affect the southernmost ranges in the early hours, most likely Glen Shiel and perhaps Glen Affric, this will clear east shortly after dawn. A cloudy start everywhere however cloud will lift and break slowly during the morning with the chance of some brightness or sunny spell. Showers will soon develop especially for western ranges, these will be wintry above 600m. More showers later in the evening and these may clump together to give a longer spell of rain through Tuesday evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Around dawn 20% chance of clear tops with fairly extensive cloud based around 400-500m. By mid afternoon 70% chance with most cloud bases above the summits however cloud becoming broken around 700m in some showers.

Visibility: Poor or very poor overnight and early on Tuesday morning in the rain and snow in the south, soon improving to moderate during the morning and possibly good or very good by mid afternoon. Likely to be moderate again later in any evening rain and snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	22/27 SW	23/29 SW	21/27 SW	25/32 W	22/30 W	26/34 W	31/40 W	27/37 NW	27/38 NW
900	20/25 SW	22/29 SW	19/25 SW	24/31 W	21/29 W	24/33 W	29/39 W	26/36 NW	26/37 NW
600	11/17 SW	14/21 SW	13/19 SW	15/22 SW	16/24 W	16/25 W	20/29 W	18/28 NW	17/28 NW
300	2/17 W	4/20 W	4/18 W	5/21 W	7/24 W	6/26 W	7/31 W	8/29 NW	8/29 NW
Glen	3/11 W	5/15 SW	6/15 W	7/16 W	11/22 W	11/22 W	11/23 W	12/25 W	11/24 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-0/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-0/-8	-0/-7	-0/-8	-0/-7	0/-7
900	0/-6	0/-7	-0/-7	-0/-7	0/-6	1/-6	0/-7	1/-6	1/-6
600	3/-2	2/-2	2/-3	2/-3	3/-2	3/-2	3/-3	3/-2	4/-1
300	5/3	4/3	4/2	4/3	6/3	6/4	5/3	5/3	6/3
Glen	7/6	7/6	6/4	7/5	8/5	8/6	8/5	8/6	9/6
Freezing Level*	900m	900m	900m	900m	900m	900m	900m	1000m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note the low freezing level, with wintry showers expected and possible accumulations of 2-5cm at higher levels from showers. This will also allow for a noticeable wind chill factor in the fresh westerly winds on the higher hills.

Forecast for Wednesday 04 Nov 2020

Weather: A mainly dry and cloudy day with a few breaks likely. Some light rain or snow is expected early in the morning and later in the evening. Feeling very cold on the summits in the fresh northwesterly breeze.

Maximum wind: Northwest 15-20 gusting 25-30 mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Around 70%, patchy cloud around 700-800m may shroud the summits at times.

Visibility: generally good or very good but may temporarily deteriorate poor in any rain or snow in the morning and after dusk.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 rising to 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: Around 900m rising later in the day.

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